

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 128308

13

ORIGIN EB-02

INFO OCT-01 EUR-01 ISO-00 /004 R

66011

DRAFTED BY: EB/ITP/EWT:AJREICHENBACH:ERS

APPROVED BY: EB/ITP/EWT:AJREICHENBACH

----- 060198

R 250149Z MAY 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

INFO USMISSION OECD PARIS 5445

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 128308

FOLLOWING REPEAT COPENHAGEN 1685 ACTION SECSTATE INFO BONN  
BRUSSELS THE HAGUE HELSINKI LONDON LUXEMBOURG MOSCOW OSLO OTTAWA  
PARIS ROME REYKJAVIK STOCKHOLM NATO 20 MAY

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 1685

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT DA UR

SUBJECT: DANES ARRESTED FOR ESPIONAGE

REFC COPENHAGEN 0131

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

SUMMARY: TWO DANES HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR TRANSFERRING  
NATO-EMBARGOED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT TO THE SOVIETS. END  
SUMMARY.

1. IN WHAT THE PRESS HAS BILLED AS "THE MOST SERIOUS CASE  
FOR A LONG TIME", THE OWNER OF A DANISH ELECTRONICS COMPANY  
AND HIS WIFE WERE ARRESTED ON MAY 11 FOR ESPIONAGE.  
HE IS A 37-YEAR OLD ENGINEER, BENT WEIBEL, AND THE  
OWNER PRESIDENT OF TWO SMALL ELECTRONICS COMPANIES LOCATED  
BETWEEN ROSKILDE AND COPENHAGEN, INGWEI A/S AND M.B.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 128308

WEIBEL.

2. MR. WEIBEL WAS CHARGED WITH TRANSFERRING NATO-EMBARGOED ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. ONE NEWSPAPER SPECULATES THAT THE EQUIPMENT INVLUDED AN APPARATUS TO MEASURE BALLISTIC TRAJECTORIES. WEIBEL'S COMPANIES ASSERTEDLY MANUFACTURE SUCH EQUIPMENT WHICH HE NORMALLY SELLS TO THE DANISH MILITARY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL

3. COMMENT: DANISH POLICE INTELLIGENCE HAS BEEN WORK-ING ON THIS CASE FOR MONTHS AND IS CONVINCED THAT WEIBEL'S GUILT HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY DOCUMENTED. APPARENTLY, WEIBEL HAD BEEN IN EXTENDED CONTACT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET TRADE MISSION HERE WHOSE SUCCESSFUL PERSUASION WAS BASED ON MONETARY, NOT IDEOLOGICAL, CONSIDERATIONS.

4. THE PRESS HAS LINKED THE WEIBEL CASE WITH FOUR SOVIET GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FORMERLY POSTED HERE WHOM THE DANES IDENTIFIED LAST FALL AS BEING INVOLVED IN INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES: EMBASSY SECOND SECRETARY ANATOLI SHAROV AND ALEKSEY N. OSIPOV, VIKTOR KEDROV AND OLEG YERMAKOV ALL OF THE SOVIET TRADE MISSION (SEE REFTEL).

5. THE POLICE INTELLIGENCE PEOPLE HOPE TO KEEP PRESS INTEREST IN THE CASE ALIVE AS AN INDICATION THAT THE DANES MUST REMAIN ON THEIR GUARD AGAINST CONTINUING INIMICAL ACTS AGAINST DENMARK BY THE SOVIETS AND EASTERN EUROPEANS.  
LUKENS UNQUOTE SISCO

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** ESPIONAGE, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION, PRESS COMMENTS, ARRESTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 25 MAY 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** saccheem  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976STATE128308  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** EB/ITP/EWT:AJREICHENBACH:ERS  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760202-0465  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760515/aaaaaancy.tel  
**Line Count:** 93  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN EB  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** saccheem  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 APR 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <05 APR 2004 by CollinP0>; APPROVED <09 AUG 2004 by saccheem>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** DANES ARRESTED FOR ESPIONAGE  
**TAGS:** PINT, PINR, DA, UR, (WEIBEL, BENT), (WEIBEL, M B)  
**To:** OECD PARIS  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006